



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

6th September 2019

Dates for your diary

25th – 26th September Bikeability GDE
27th September Macmillan Coffee morning HSM
30th September – 1st October Bikeability HSM
18th October End of Term 1
29th October Start of Term 2

Dear Parents

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 16th September. Please send completed forms and payment by Monday 9th September. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you still need to return the completed form.

Welcome Back

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer holiday and would like to welcome you all back to the new school year. A special welcome to all our new families and staff including Miss Theobald, Miss Buck and Miss Carter. The start of a new school year is a good time to remind everyone of the process to follow should you have a concern. If you have an issue that you need to discuss then your first point of contact should be the class teacher - the best time to see them is at the end of the day. If you are still concerned after speaking to the class teacher then you should speak to the Head of School.

Breakfast Club Reminder

I would just like to remind you of the arrangements for breakfast club. The gates will be open from 8.40am each morning; all children will go straight into the classroom, where they will be able to have toast. They will then take part in reading activities. Any child not wanting to eat breakfast will still come into school to take part in the reading.

Topics for next week

We would like to encourage parents to support their child with their learning at home. Should you want more information, please speak to your child's class teacher. Please find below the information for next week.

	English	Maths
Finland	Narrative - Begu	Shape
Sweden	Traditional Tales	Shape
Norway	Recount – diary	Angles
Cuba	Narrative	Shape
Barbados	News report	Geometry- properties of shape
St Lucia	Recount - Diary	Angles

Reading at home

Reading is a vital skill that will support your child's learning across the whole curriculum. We have attached some guidance in order to support you. We are very keen to help you all as much as we can, so we have also included a slip offering various options. We would appreciate it if you could fill it in as soon as possible and hand it in to your class teacher.

After School Clubs

Please find below a list of clubs for the Autumn Term, **commencing on Tuesday 17th September**, apart from Japanese club which will start at Holbeach St Marks next Wednesday, 11th September.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis; please complete the attached permission slip and return as soon as possible to secure a place. You will receive notification to say whether or not you have a place.

All clubs run from 3.15 – 4pm

Gedney Drove End

Monday	Mr Timmins	Years 1-2	Multisports
Monday	Miss Ashby	All (Max 12)	Craft
Tuesday	Mr Timmins	Years 3-6 (max 12)	Football
Alternate Wednesdays (starts 18th September)	Mrs Parr	Years 2-6	Japanese
Thursday	Miss Theobald	Years 5-6 (max 8)	Maths Challenge
Thursday	Miss Buck	Years 3-6	Music

Holbeach St Marks

Monday	Miss Flaherty	Years 1- 6	TT Rock Stars/ Maths Games
Tuesday	Miss Carter	Rec to Y6	Choir
Alternate Wednesdays (starts 11th September)	Mrs Parr	Years 2-6	Japanese
Thursday	Mr Timmins	KS2	Multiskills

Bikeability

Both schools will have bikeability sessions for children in year 5 and 6 over the next few weeks. All children who were eligible to take part were given details and a permission slip to return last term, if your child is a new starter in year 5 or 6 and would like to take part then please speak to the office. Children who are already signed up will be given further details nearer the date.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Holbeach St Marks

On Friday 27th September, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning at Holbeach St Marks Village Hall between 9.30 and 11am, everyone is welcome to join us. If you would like to donate cakes, please bring them into the school office that morning. If you are unable to attend but would like your child to have a cake please send a donation in a named envelope.

Snack Term 1

Only fruit is available at break time, this will be provided free for all those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in key stage 2 will be able to purchase fruit at a cost of 50p per week: the cost for the remainder of this term will be £3.00. Please return the permission slip with your payment.

Swimming Term 1

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 9th September. Gedney Drove End will be the first to swim and Holbeach St Marks will go the following week. At Holbeach St Marks lessons are for St Lucia and Barbados classes and at Gedney Drove End they are for Norway and Sweden. We will only be charging for the pool entry, as the school pays the cost of swimming teachers and transport. The cost is a voluntary contribution of £1 a week, £3 for GDE and £3 for HSM. Swimming dates are as follows;

Gedney Drove End - 9th September, 23rd September and 7th October

Holbeach St Marks - 16th September, 30th September and 14th October

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.



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Stars of the week

Well done to the following children for their amazing achievements this week.

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Poppy for a great start to school.

Sweden – Summer for perseverance in maths this week and a fantastic attitude towards learning.

Norway – Lacey for being an excellent role model.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – The whole class for a super start to the new school year.

Barbados – Demi for great participation.

St Lucia – Alfie & Oscar for settling in well to our school.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

Reading support

Name: _____

Class: _____

I would be interested in the following support: (please tick)

- A parental workshop (please tick the best time for you) 9:30 2:30 or 3:30
- An opportunity to read with your child in class
- An opportunity to support children in other classes
- Other support (please state)

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Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

Club permission slip

My child would like to take part in the following clubs.

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Signed Date

Snack Term 1

My child(ren) Would like fruit at break time.

I enclose £3.00 for the remainder of this term (year 3 -6 only).

Signed Date

Swimming Term 1

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend swimming lessons in Term 1.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of **£3 per child**.

Signed Date.....